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SUMMARY: IRANIAN OFFICIALS HAVE GIVEN A NEGATIVE REPORT ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT THE RCD SUMMIT MEETING AT IZMIR. NOT ONLY DO THEY EXPRESS DISAPPOINTMENT IN WHAT RCD HAS ACCOMPLISHED TO DATE, BUT THEY SEE RELATIVELY LITTLE HOPE FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT IN THE FUTURE. ONLY POSITIVE RESULTS SEEN ARE COSMETIC SUCH AS HAVING FIRST HEADS OF STATE SUMMIT UNDER RCD UMBRELLA, AND PROSPECT THAT TREATY OF IZMIR WILL PROVIDE A LEGAL BASE FOR RCD, IMPROVING ON PRESENT EXCHANGE OF NOTES. END SUMMARY

1. MFA UNDERSECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS JAFAR NADIM TOLD ACTING DCM THAT RCD SUMMIT IN IZMIR HAD BEEN A FLOP. THERE HAD BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT RESULTS. TURKEY HAD PUSHED FOR FREER TRADE, WHICH IRAN  
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OPPOSED UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. PAKISTAN

SOUGHT A MILITARY ARRANGEMENT TO REPLACE CENTO, BUT GOT NO SUPPORT FROM EITHER IRAN OR TURKEY. THERE HAD BEEN ACRIMONIOUS DEBATES, AND CHIEFS OF STATE HAD FINALLY SETTLED ON BLAND FINAL COMMUNIQUE WHICH SAID SIMPLY THAT THEY AGREED WITH FINDINGS OF THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS. THE CATCH WAS THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS THEMSELVES HAD REACHED NO AGREEMENT, AND COMMUNIQUE WAS, THEREFORE, SIMPLY AN EXPRESSION OF HOPE FOR MORE SUCCESSFUL RCD ACTIVITIES IN FUTURE. NADIM SAID MEETING OF MINISTERS OF COMMERCE IN TEHRAN PRIOR TO IZMIR MEETINGS HAD FAILED TO PRODUCE ANY ADVANCE AGREEMENT ON ISSUES. HE THOUGHT CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND VARIOUS EXCHANGE PROGRAMS WERE ONLY AREAS WHERE GREATER RCD COOPERATION COULD BE EXPECTED.

2. MFA CHIEF OF RCD AFFAIRS PARVIZ ADL TOLD EMBOFFS RCD HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING IN WAY OF FREE TRADE ARRANGEMENTS IN LAST SEVEN YEARS, AND HE SAW LITTLE HOPE FOR EARLY PROGRESS TOWARD TEN-YEAR GOAL OF RCD FREE TRADE AREA. BASIC TRADE SITUATION OF THREE MEMBERS IS QUITE DIFFERENT: IRAN APPLIES MOST FAVORED NATION TREATMENT, TURKEY IS A MEMBER OF GATT AND ALSO AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF EEC, AND PAKISTAN IS ALSO GATT MEMBER. IRAN FEARS UNRESTRICTED FREE TRADE ARRANGEMENT WOULD PERMIT INDUSTRIES ESTABLISHED BY EUROPEANS IN TURKEY TO INVADE IRAN MARKET. OVER NEXT THREE MONTHS EXPERTS FROM EACH COUNTRY WILL PREPARE LISTS OF ITEMS ON WHICH TARIFFS SHOULD BE REDUCED BY OTHER TWO MEMBERS, AND THESE WILL EVENTUALLY BE CONSIDERED BY MINISTERS. ADL SAID WHEN TREATY OF IZMIR WAS RATIFIED IT WOULD PROVIDE LEGAL BASIS FOR GIVING RCD SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS. SECRETARIAT MIGHT THEN EXPAND TO 45 MEMBERS.

3. AS FOR OTHER RCD ACTIVITIES, ADL COMMENTED THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT ON DETAILS OF PLANNED INDUSTRIAL AND DEVELOPMENT BANK AND HE SAW LITTLE INTEREST IN ITS ESTABLISHMENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE THOUGHT AN RCD SHIPPING COMPANY MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED, BUT SO FAR ORGANIZATION CONSISTS OF AN IRANIAN ADMIRAL HEADING A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SMALL STAFF IN ISTANBUL. NO SHIPS HAVE BEEN CHARTERED OR ORDERED. RUMORS OF A POSSIBLE COMBINATION OF RCD AND CENTO WERE DENIED DURING IZMIR MEETINGS. ALTHOUGH EXPANSION OF RCD MEMBERSHIP HAD BEEN MENTIONED BY FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARY IN LAHORE, AND ALSO BY SHAH, OHO WAS NOT DISCUSSED IN IZMIR.  
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